

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1135

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Nick Trahan, Ian King, and Will Paxton on their championship-winning performances at the 2022 State Technology Student Association Annual Conference.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause to pay tribute to those determined students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to the pursuit of knowledge, have distinguished themselves as leaders in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, Nick Trahan, Ian King, and Will Paxton of Polk County High School are three such students, who are deserving of our recognition for their championship-winning performances at the 2022 State Technology Student Association (TSA) Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, 550 TSA members from across the State gathered at the Chattanooga Convention Center from March 30 to April 2, 2022, to attend the first in-person TSA conference held since 2019; and

WHEREAS, among the attendees was Polk County High School teacher Dewey Esquinance, who encouraged several of his students to attend and compete in the 2022 TSA Conference, where they earned State Championships in four different competitions; and

WHEREAS, the Technology Student Association enhances personal development, leadership, and career opportunities in the academic discipline STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), whereby members apply and integrate these concepts through intracurricular activities, competitions, and related programs; and

WHEREAS, the team with Will Paxton and Nick Trahan earned the State Championship award for Webmaster, a competition in which they were required to code a website for a virtual conference; and

WHEREAS, the team with Nick Trahan and Will Paxton took State Championship honors in Video Game Design, where the pair were instructed to create a 1980s-style video game that revolved around a museum; the game also had to be playable online; and

WHEREAS, the combined team of Nick Trahan, Ian King, and Will Paxton won the coveted State Champion title in On-Demand Video; the team had only thirty-six hours to write, direct, film, edit, and upload a one-minute video with the required dialogue, "Move your feet and lose your seat," and props, consisting of a shoe, book, and chair; and

WHEREAS, Will Paxton, who has already earned industry certification in both the CompTIA A+ Hardware and CompTIA A+ Software areas, also won the State Championship in Information Technology Fundamentals, which consisted of a written test on computer hardware, the internet, networking, and computer operating systems; second place honors in the competition went to fellow Polk County High School student Nick Trahan; and

WHEREAS, Nick Trahan, Ian King, and Will Paxton have each qualified to compete in the national TSA competitions, to be held in Dallas, Texas, June 26-30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the display of aptitude and ambition evidenced by these Polk County High School students surely bodes well for their future success, and their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Nick Trahan, Ian King, and Will Paxton on their championship-winning performances at the 2022 State Technology Student Association Annual Conference and extend to them our sincerest wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.